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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim 10 for the corresponding claim previously presented.

10. (Currently Amended) A panel for a vessel wall having a longer side and a shorter side, and a side aspect ratio of at least 1.5, and comprising:

a rigid plastic plate having at least two reinforcing laminated layers bonded together of substantially unidirectional substantially parallel fibers having predominant orientations that form an angle with said sides of said panel;

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